

ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for producing gelatin, said method comprising:
chopping or cutting a rind;
defatting the rind using steam and/or hot water;
hydrolyzing the defatted rind using an acid;
neutralizing the hydrolyzed rind material; and
extracting the neutralized rind material with water to form gelatin.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said defatting the rind is carried out in a continuous process.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said defatting the rind comprises defatting the rind to a fat content of 2% to 3%.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said chopping or cutting the rind comprises comminuting the rind into pieces of 5 mm or less before the hydrolysis.
5. (Previously Presented) Gelatin produced by the method of claim 1.

6. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said cutting or chopping comprises cutting or chopping a rind into pieces not less than 1 mm.